GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:119
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2000
NEW NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY
HARIBHAU MAHALE;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate a New National Sports Policy for promotion of sports in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have completed consultations with all concerned including National Sports Federation, State Governments and distinguished sports persons;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(e) the time by which the said policy is likely to be announced and implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOKSABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 119 31.07.2000 REGARDING NEW NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY ASKED BY SHRI NARESH PUGLIA AND SHRI HAR SHANKAR MAHALE

(a) & (b) : The Government of India is in the process of formulating a new National Sports Policy with a view to lay stress upon broad-basing of sports and achieve excellence in performance. The following areas are likely to receive special attention:

(i) Broadbasing of Sports and achievement of excellence;

(ii) up-gradation and development of infrastructure;

(iii) support to the National Sports Federations and other appropriate bodies;

(iv) strengthening of scientific and coaching support to sports;

(v) incentives to sports persons;

(vi) enhanced participation of women, tribals and rural youth;

(vii) involvement of the Corporate Sector in sports promotion; and

(viii) creation of greater awareness to promote sports mindedness in the public at large.

(c) to (e) : A cross-section of institutions/individuals connected with sports, as also the Indian Olympic Association, the Sports Authority of India, the National Sports Federations and the State Governments have so far been consulted. Suggestions received from all quarters were examined carefully and where ever possible these were incorporated in the draft National Sports Policy. New National Sports Policy was also on the agenda for discussion in the meeting ofthe Parliamentary Consultative Committee held on 11 July, 2000. Government of India has invited comments of the Arjuna Awardees Association on the draft National Sports Policy and after receiving comments it will be discussed in a meeting with them. The New National Sports Policy will be announced as soon as possible.